

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/960,755

Examiner

Luke Gilligan

Applicant(s)

JOHNSON, JANICE

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/20/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 22-36.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.


Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 3.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/02/1999
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Response to Amendment

1. In the amendments filed 4/30/04 and 8/20/04, the following has occurred: claims 1, 22, and 31 have been amended. Now, claims 1-7 and 22-36 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 and 22-36 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1-7 and 22-30 is the inclusion of the limitation, in all the claims which is not found in the prior art references of incorporating, within an integrated healthcare system, a data dictionary that ensures standardization of all system database elements by incorporating the various rules and definitions to identify and eliminate potential incompatibilities or problems. Although the closest prior art (Cummings) teaches an integrated healthcare system that includes many of the recited components, it fails to teach a data dictionary including field definitions, codes/values, rules, owner ID, and references as recited in the claims. Additionally, although Edelson does teach a form of data dictionary, the reference fails to teach that the data dictionary includes field definitions, codes/values, rules, owner ID, and references as recited in the claims.

In Addition, the primary reason for the allowance of claims 31-36 is the inclusion of the limitation, in all the claims which is not found in the prior art references of providing, within an integrated healthcare system, a data dictionary that ensures standardization of all system database elements by incorporating the various rules and definitions to identify and eliminate potential incompatibilities or problems. Although the closest prior art (Cummings) teaches an integrated healthcare system that includes many of the recited components, it fails to teach a data dictionary including field definitions, codes/values, rules, owner ID, and references as recited in the claims. Additionally, although Edelson does teach a form of data dictionary, the

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reference fails to teach that the data dictionary includes field definitions, codes/values, rules, owner ID, and references as recited in the claims.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Perednia et al. discloses various uses of technology in telemedicine.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luke Gilligan whose telephone number is (703) 308-6104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm.

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on (703) 305-9588. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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1. REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

- ☒ Clear statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Indicate how claims distinguish over the closest prior art
- ☐ Claim groups of differing scope having a separate RFA *Need separate RFA for claims 31-36*

Comments:

*Ok
Corrected* specify the terms "elements" to be field definition, codes/values, rules, owner ID, and references.

2. SEARCH AREAS AND TOOLS

- ☒ US Classified Search
- ☒ US Patents Text Search - EAST/WEST and/or STN USPATFULL
- ☒ Foreign Patent Documents - WEST/Derwent WPI and/or Epoque II
- ☒ NPL Search - PTO NPL, Dialog, STN, etc.
- N/A* ☐ Internet Sites - (optional)

Comments:

3. SEARCH QUERY

- ☒ Text Search - Strategy to search concepts/key words
- ☒ Separate strategies for each search area (US, Foreign, NPL)
- ☒ Recordation of Search in file wrapper

Comments:

4. REFERENCE CITATIONS

- ☒ Best art in each category (US, Foreign, NPL)
- ☒ Clear indication of why the reference was cited.

Comments: